



News Release

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

1301 N. Orchard St., Boise, ID 83706 - TEL: (208) 327-7900 FAX: (208) 327-7866

Internet Homepage: <http://www.idwr.state.id.us>

Release No. 2003-43

TWO IDAHO WIND PROJECTS SELECTED FOR GRANTS

For Immediate Release
Boise, Idaho – Sept. 5, 2003

For Media Information Contact:
Gerald Fleischman – (208) 327-7933

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced this week that two Idaho wind projects were among approximately 100 around the nation selected for funding, the Idaho Energy Division announced today.

The projects selected were proposed by the Schwendiman Farm northeast of Idaho Falls, and by LeRoy Jarolimek, who owns a farm west of Burley.

The Schwendiman project calls for the construction of a 1.5-megawatt wind farm with a 1.5-megawatt turbine. The grant is for \$500,000, with a total project cost of \$2 million. Utah Power and Light plans to purchase the Schwendiman's power. The project is estimated to provide enough power to supply 500 homes.

Jarolimek's project is a 20 kW turbine that will connect to the family's house to generate power and offset the family's use of power under Idaho Power's net-metering tariff. The grant is for \$10,000 and the total project cost is approximately \$35,000.

Jarolimek collected wind data with an anemometer borrowed from the Idaho Anemometer Loan program. The device helped him gather the information needed to apply for the grant. Schwendiman has been collecting wind data for three years, but had significant gaps in the data from various problems with the anemometers. With the help of the INEEL (Idaho National Engineering & Environmental Laboratory), he was able to patch in the data for the application from a nearby anemometer operated by INEEL during the same time period.

The two projects are the result of ongoing efforts by the Idaho Energy Division, INEEL, and the Bonneville Power Administration to explore the potential for wind power production in Idaho.